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1. AMBASSADOR'S LAST DISCUSSION WITH GOG ON SUBMISSION OF DISPUTE TO ICJ TOOK PLACE IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN NOVEMBER 5 (REF B). MOLINA EVINced LESS INTEREST AND MORE CAUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ICJ SOLUTION THAN HE HAD IN PREVIOUS TALKS WITH THE AMASSADOR. HE RAISED A NEW OBSTACLE TO AN AGREEMENT TO REFER THE MATTER TO THE ICJ, NAMELY THE POSSIBILITY (NEVER BEFORE MENTIONED) THAT APPROVAL MIGHT FIRST HAVE TO BE OBTAINED FROM CONGRESS. HE SAID EXPLICITLY THAT HE WOULD MUCH PREFER A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH THE UK RATHER THAN REFERRAL TO THE COURT.

2. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT DISCUSSION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUBMISSION, OR OF ASKING A FUTURE UNGA TO SEEK AN ADVISORY OPINION, WOULD BE WORTHWILE AND THAT IT WOULD HELP TO DEFUSE THE DISPUTE IF THIS POSSIBILITY WERE INCLUDED AMONG THE SUBJECTS THE UK MIGHT INDICATE TO THE GOG IT IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS.
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